

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

FORTRESS SECURE SOLUTIONS LLC, a
Washington limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALARMSIM LLC, a North Carolina limited
liability company; RICKIE GUTHRIE, JR.,
an individual; RICKIE D. GUTHRIE, an
individual; and EDUARDO E. RAMIREZ, an
individual,

Defendants.

Case No: 4:17-CV-5058-TOR

**NOTICE SETTING TELEPHONIC
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

TELEPHONIC SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

DATE: 9/7/2017 TIME: 1:45 p.m.

Counsel and pro se parties shall call the following telephone number on the date and time indicated for a mandatory **telephonic** Scheduling Conference before Judge Thomas O. Rice. **All pro se parties and an attorney substantively familiar with the case must participate in the telephonic scheduling conference.**

PHONE NUMBER: (888) 684-8852
ACCESS CODE: 8204178
SECURITY CODE: 5058

The use of cellular or speaker phones is not permitted for telephonic proceedings.

1 Rule 26(d)(1) prohibits a party from seeking discovery from any source before the parties have
2 had their Rule 26(f) conference. The parties shall make their Rule 26(a)(1) initial disclosures at
or within 14 days after this Rule 26(f) conference.

3 To ensure that discovery and trial preparation advances efficiently, counsel and pro se parties
4 shall discuss each and every one of the following subjects during the Rule 26(f) conference and
then file a combined report addressing each one of these subjects not less than 14 days before the
Scheduling Conference:

- 5 a. whether jurisdiction and venue exist and, if they do exist, the basis for each;
- 6 b. whether service of process is complete and, if not, a deadline for completion;
- 7 c. a brief description of the claims and defenses;
- 8 d. whether a statute's constitutionality is being challenged, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1, and
whether the required notice has been provided;
- 9 e. whether any issues should be certified to a state supreme court;
- 10 f. suggested deadline for adding additional parties, amending the pleadings, and seeking
class certification;
- 11 g. whether all non-government corporate parties have filed the necessary ownership
statement, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1;
- 12 h. whether the case involves a minor or incompetent party and whether the appointment
of a guardian ad litem is necessary, see LR 17.1;
- 13 i. discovery:
 - 14 • confirmation that initial disclosures, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), will be
accomplished by the time of the hearing;
 - 15 • subjects on which discovery may be needed;
 - 16 • any issues about preserving discoverable information, including electronically
stored information;
 - 17 • claims of privilege, protection of confidentiality, and proposed confidentiality
agreements;
 - 18 • proposed agreements reached under Fed. R. Evid. 502;
 - 19 • proposed modifications to the standard discovery procedures, including
bifurcation and/or consolidation of discovery, or an increase in the allowed
20 number of depositions (10), interrogatories (25), requests for production (30), or
requests for admission (15);
 - suggested expert disclosure deadlines; and
 - suggested discovery cut-off;

- 1 j. anticipated motions and suggested dispositive motion filing deadlines;
- 2 k. trial:
- 3 • whether a jury has been requested. In cases removed from state court in which a
 - 4 party desires a jury trial, **a jury demand shall also be filed no less than 14 days**
 - 5 **prior to the scheduling conference;**
 - 6 • suggested trial date(s) and suggested location;
 - 7 • anticipated length of trial;
 - 8 • requests for bifurcation; and
 - 9 • the need for special audio/visual courtroom technology;
- 10 l. the likelihood for settlement and the point at which the parties can conduct
- 11 meaningful dispute resolution, and
- 12 m. any other matters that may be conducive to the just, speedy, and inexpensive
- 13 determination of the action.

14 Dated: July 20, 2017

15 SEAN F. McAVOY, DISTRICT COURT EXECUTIVE CLERK

16 *s/Linda L. Hansen*
17 Courtroom Deputy

18 All Counsel/Pro Se Parties